

## POLICY 820 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS

## • MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE

AHCCCS covers a comprehensive set of services for pregnant women, newborns and children, including maternity care, family planning services, EPSDT services and KidsCare services.

AHCCCS requires FFS providers to request PA for pregnancy terminations.

Refer to Chapter 400 for information on maternal and child health care services.

## • MEDICAL SUPPLIES, DURABLE EQUIPMENT AND ORTHOTIC/PROSTHETIC DEVICES

**<u>Description.</u>** Medical supplies, durable equipment and orthotic/prosthetic devices must be prescribed by a fee-for-service physician or other appropriate practitioner.

Refer to Chapter 300, Policy 310, for complete information regarding covered medical supplies, equipment and prosthetic devices.

The following requirements apply to these services:

- 1. Prior authorization (PA) is required for medical equipment and orthotic/prosthetic devices exceeding \$300.00.
- 2. PA is required for consumable medical supplies exceeding \$100.00 per month. (Consumable means the supplies have limited or no potential for reuse.)
- 3. PA is required for medically necessary incontinent supplies. Refer to Chapter 400, Policy 430, for criteria related to coverage of incontinence briefs for members under the age of 21.
- 4. Durable medical equipment may be purchased or rented only when there are no reasonable alternative resources from which the medically necessary equipment can be obtained at no cost. The total expense of renting the equipment must not exceed the purchase price (i.e., if AHCCCS can purchase the equipment for less than the rental fee, AHCCCS will purchase the item.) All rental equipment requires PA.

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